



## *Senator Curt Thompson*

### *Senate District 5*

Senator Curt Thompson was first elected to the Georgia State Senate from the 5<sup>th</sup> District in 2004. Sen. Thompson, a Democrat, represents part of DeKalb and Gwinnett counties. He is currently on the Economic Development, Higher Education, Special Judiciary, State Institutions and Property, Urban Affairs and Veterans and Military Affairs committees. He served Georgia in the House of Representatives from 2002-2004. Also, he is an ex-officio member of the Urban Affairs and Special Judiciary committees.

Sen. Thompson is a life-long resident of Gwinnett County, where he and his wife Sascha currently live. Born in 1968, his family lived in Lilburn near Lake Lucerne, and he went to Shiloh High School, where he was a National Merit Scholar. He then went to American University in Washington, D.C., majoring in international studies and broadcast journalism. After graduating, Sen. Thompson went to law school at Georgia State University. He passed the Bar in 1993 on his first attempt and has practiced law since then. He also has an interest in languages, and in addition to English, Sen. Thompson speaks Spanish, French and German.

Since 1997, he has been staff attorney for the International Brotherhood of Police Officers and also represents the International Association of Firefighters. Sen. Thompson currently works as a labor lawyer for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and he represents government employees and service workers, as well as firefighters and police.

Sen. Thompson has been active in civic affairs, such as his neighborhood garden club and the Mary Squires state legislative campaign. He has petitioned for speed bumps and opposed destructive re-zoning applications.

A member of the Church Council at St. James Lutheran Church in Tucker, Sen. Thompson spent much of his life in the Religious Society of Friends (the "Quakers"), serving five years on the Board of the Friends School of Atlanta. Other affiliations

include Gwinnett County Habitat for Humanity, the Sierra Club, Norcross Cooperative Ministries, the AID Gwinnett and the Gwinnett Philharmonic.

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